

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2003. Claims 1, 15, 23, 24, 28, and 41-42 are currently amended, and claims 1-43 are pending in this application.

DRAWINGS

The Examiner objected to the drawings. The Examiner stated that "the first free edge bent toward the first portion and the second free edge bent toward the second portion as defined in claims 1, 15, 24, 28, and 42 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s)." The claims and specification have been amended to state the proper relationship between the free edges, flanges, and portions, as shown by the drawings. Thus, the features recited in claims 1, 15, 24, 28 and 42 are shown in the drawings and no drawing correction, as requested by the Examiner, is necessary.

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

The Examiner objected to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. The Examiner stated that "the specification fails to state that the first free edge is bent toward the first portion and the second free edge is bent toward the second portion." The specification has been amended to state the proper relationship between the free edges, flanges, and portions. More specifically, the specification has been amended at pages 11 and 12 to state that the flanges of various embodiments are bent toward planar portions or surfaces. These amendments to the specification verbalize features of the embodiments that are shown in original FIGS. 7-10. The paragraph on page 13 was amended to correct a grammatical error. Thus, these amendments are at least

clearly supported by original FIGS. 7-10, and do not add new matter. These amendments should also make the Examiner's objections moot.

35 USC §112 CLAIM REJECTIONS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-38, 42 and 43 as being indefinite. The Examiner states that these claims are misdescriptive. Claims 1, 15, 24, 28, 42 have been amended to state that first and second flanges are bent towards first and second portions and now correctly describe the relationship between the edges, flanges, and portions. Thus, the Examiner's rejection should now be moot.

CONCLUSION

In addition, claim 23 has been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for terms therein, as a result of the amendments to claim 1. Claim 41 has been amended to provide the proper antecedent basis for terms therein. This inconsistency was not noticed previously.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's statement that claims 39-41 are allowable and that claims 1-38 and 42-43 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph.

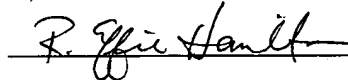
The present response addresses all of the objections and rejections of the Office action and raises no new issues and does not require further consideration or search. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims patentably distinguish over all the art of record, taken singly or in any combination. Entry of the Amendment, allowance of the claims, and the passing of the application to issue are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with applicant's attorney might expedite the resolution of any outstanding issues in this case, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 19-0031.

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